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CANADA, U.S. RULES BLENDED AS WARRIORS, OSWEGO TANGLE

Loyola Warriors will blend Canadian and American football rules Sunday in an exhibition game at State University of New York at Oswego.

The game, Oswego's first as a football team, kicks off a season of exhibition games as they prepare to enter league play in 1972.

Loyola, entered in the all-new Quebec University Athletic Association football conference, is using the match to prepare for its season opener Sept. 25 against Royal Military College, Kingston.

The Oswego encounter will be played on an American field -- 10 yards shorter than the 110-yard Canadian gridiron-- under Canadian rules. The one exception is the teams will get four downs to make the necessary 10 yards.

For Loyola coach, Doug Daigneault, the encounter should provide an interesting conflict.

Daigneault, a player in three U.S. college bowl championships as an undergraduate, earned his professional credentials on three teams during a six-year career in the Canadian Football League.

"It'll be an interesting experiment," was his reserved comment as both teams agreed this week on rules for the game.

The Warriors, hoping to improve on a second-place finish last year, ironed out a few early wrinkles last weekend in their first inter-squad game.

"We've got some good rookie prospects," said an enthused Daigneault as he poured over statistics. "This weekend's game should give us a clearer, but not final, impression of our best talent."

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Loyola, by any other standards, should be in the midst of a rebuilding year. "We're not promising anything," said Daigneault, "but we have high hopes -- higher than I figured before we opened training camp."

If practice makes perfect, Daigneault's hopes are well-founded. The Warriors, besides pre-season exhibitions, have been hitting twice a day for the past two weeks.